

11 is peelably attached to the lower surface of second layer 12 at separation interface 13. First layer 10 is also adhered to additional (e.g. a printable layer) layer 14. The second layer may also have one or more additional layers which could be coextruded or laminated. Additionally, both the first and second layer may have ^{one or} ~~on ro~~ more additional layers. These additional layers may be prepared from one or more of the materials used to make the first or second layers. Additionally the additional layers may contain other polymers which improve properties such as the adhesion of the bonding material to the first or second layer. The additives may also be antistatic, antioxidant and processing agents. In one embodiment, the additives are present to improve printability. The additional layers may be tie layers to improve adhesion of the first or second film to the additional layers. In one embodiment, the additional additive is an ethylene vinyl acetate resin. The ethylene vinyl acetate is generally present in an amount from about 20% to about 80%, or from about 25% to about 75%, or from about 40% to about 60% by weight. These additional layers typically have a thickness of about 0.1 to about 2, or from about 0.2 to about 1, or from about 0.3 to about 0.6 mil.

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Example 2

A two layer coextruded peelable film is prepared as described in Example 1 with the following composition.

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Please renumber each of Examples 3-5 on pages 15 to 16 of the specification as Examples 2-4, respectively.

On page 17:

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Fig. 3 illustrates a cross sectional view of the closure. Closure 30 has first layer 31 and second layer 32 peelably attached at a separation interface 33. On the surface of layer 31 and layer 32 is bonded pressure sensitive adhesive 34. The pressure sensitive adhesive covers all but a portion 36 of the surface. This portion is non-bonding to the container. The adhesive is releasably bonded to a silicone release liner 35. It is believed that this non-bonding portion of the surface affects the directional peelability of the closure. It is believed that a vacuum forms between the peelable layers at the separation interface. This vacuum is believed to increase the force needed to begin peeling. On the portions of the closure where the bonding material covers polymer layers, the bonded edge provides easy separation and opening of the closure along the separation interface. Since the force to start the peel is applied at the bonded edge, air can enter as the separation interface is peeled. A thumbnail is sufficient to begin the opening of the closure.

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In Fig. 6, the closure has been folded over and has sealed the container. Adhesive 53 seals the flap 56 of the container. By the placement of the non-bonding zone 55, the contents of the container push against the closure at a point distant from the edge of the separation interface of the closure. However, when the container is to be opened, flap 56 is pulled and the closure easily peels along its separation interface.

In Fig. 7, an alternative container, bag 74, is sealed with a closure. The closure is made up of first layer 71 and second layer 72. A non-bonding portion of the closure is shown so that the force of the bag contents is distant 75 from the separation interface 76.

In Fig. 8, a container such as those used for food products, like applesauce or pudding is sealed with a closure. A closure is formed into a gasket and adhered to the container 84 by heat sealing or adhesive 83. The closure is made up of first layer 81 and second layer 82. The closure is bonded to the lid 86, which may be any lid such as plastic or foil. The closure has a non-bonding zone so that the force of the container contents is applied distant from the separation interface or at junction 85.

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Please delete the last paragraph of page 18, beginning on line 27 of page 18 and carrying over to line 3 of page 19, and replace it with the following paragraph:

In another embodiment, shown in Fig. 10, envelope 101 has flaps 102 and 103. Closures 104 and 105 are bonded to flaps 102 and 103 respectively. On the first use of envelope 101, flap 103 is tucked into the envelope and flap 102 with closure 104 is used to seal the envelope. Upon second use flap 103 with closure 105 seals the envelope and flap 102 with a portion of closure 104 is tucked into envelope 101.

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A reusable box is illustrated in Fig. 11. Box 110 has flap 111 bonded to closure 113 and flap 112 bonded to closure 114. In first use flap 111 and closure 113 are used to seal the box. Flap 112 is folded